

**Conference Committee Report on
House Bill No. 583 / Senate Bill No. 781**

The House and Senate Conference Committee appointed pursuant to motions to resolve the differences between the two houses on House Bill No. 583 (Senate Bill No.781) has met and recommends that the following amendments be deleted:

House Amendments No. 1 and 2 and Senate Amendment No. 2

The Committee further recommends that the following amendment be adopted:

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 13, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

§ 39-13-114.

(a) For purposes of this section, "school" means any:

(1) Elementary school, middle school or high school;

(2) Technology center or postsecondary vocational or technical school; or

(3) Two-year or four-year college or university.

(b) A person commits the offense of communicating a threat concerning a school employee if:

(1) The person communicates to another a threat to cause the death of or serious bodily injury to a school employee and the threat is directly related to the employee's scope of employment;

(2) The threat involves the use of a firearm or other deadly weapon;

(3) The person to whom the threat is made reasonably believes that the person making the threat intends to carry out the threat;

(4) The person making the threat intentionally engages in conduct that constitutes a substantial step in the commission of the

threatened act and the threatened act and the substantial step when taken together:

(A) Are corroborative of the person's intent to commit the threatened act; and

(B) Occur close enough in time to evidence an intent and ability to commit the threatened act.

(c) Communicating a death threat concerning a school employee is a Class B misdemeanor punishable by a maximum term of imprisonment of thirty (30) days.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008, the public welfare requiring it.

Senator Dwayne Bunch

Representative Tom DuBois

Senator Joe Haynes

Representative Rob Briley

Senator Paul Stanley

Representative Bob Bibb